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SUBJECT: SUDAN BACKGROUND NOTES

REF: WATERMAN NOTE OF MARCH 14

EMBASSY CONSENSUS REACHED ON FOLLOWING CHANGES:

1. PROFILE - COTTON EXPORTS 50 PER CENT; ADD "LIVE ANIMALS"
TO EXPORTS.

"/ TRAVEL NOTES - UNDER HEALTH, INDICATE SOME IN KHARTOUM
BOIL WATER DURING FLOOD SEASON.

3. GEOGRAPHY - END OF NEW PARA 3 - ADD PHRASE "AND THE NIGHTS
ARE NOTICEABLY COOLER."

4. PEOPLE - PARA 1, LINE 1, ADD "COMPLETED" BETWEEN WORDS
"RECENT" AND "CENSUS." PARA 2, LINE 2, SUBSTITUTE FOR
"INTEGRATION" PHRASE "EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION POSES."

5. GOVERNMENT - PARA 1, LINE 8, SUBSTITUTE FOR "CHAY
MAN"
WORDS "PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL." REMOVE PHRASE
"AND AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF ITS SECRETARIAT." NEW PARA
3, LINE 2, ADD AFTER PERIOD THE SENTENCE "LIKE EVERYTHING
ELSE IN THE SUDAN, HOWEVER, IT IS SUBORDINATED TO THE SSU."
SAME PARA, LINE 5, ADD WORD "A" BETWEEN "IS" AND "CUSTODIAN."
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6. POLITICAL CONDITIONS - CHANGE BEGINNING FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 2 TO READ "THOUGH THE RADICAL IDEOLOGY AND SOCIALIST ORIENTATION OF SOME SSU LEADERS HAVE GENERATED." ETC. WORD IS "KHATMIYYAH." PARA 5, LINE 2, CHANGE SO AS TO READ "THE SOUTH HAS BEEN DEALT WITH THROUGH A PHASED PROGRAM OF INTEGRATION OF FORMER" ETC.

7. ECONOMY - PARA 1, LINE 5, "50 PER CENT" VICE 60 PERCENT. "ANOTHER LARGE" VICE "THE SECOND LARGEST." SAME PARA, LINE 13, ADD WORD "INCREASINGLY" BETWEEN "AND" AND "EXPORT." SAME PARA, LAST LINE, CHANGE TO READ "TO EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES." PARA 3, LINE 9, CHANGE "MOST" TO "MUCH." PARA 7, BEGINNING, SUBSTITUTE PHRASE "BETWEEN 1969 AND 1971, SUDAN RELIED HEAVILY ON COMMUNIST" ETC. SAME PARA, AFTER 5 \$ "\$42 MILLION" ADD " ,WHICH WAS USED MAINLY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND A TEXTILE MILL." PARA 9, LINE 6 AFTER "RETURNED" CHANGE TO READ "MOST OF THE LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES TO THEIR FORMER OWNERS AND NEGOTIATED COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN-OWNED" ETC. SAME PARA, LINE 12, CHANGE TO READ "THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY PASSED A NEW" ETC. REMOVE SENTENCE BEGINNING "THERE ARE INDICATIONS" AND CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ "TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, AS WITH OTHER MARKET ECONOMIES, HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALY IN RECENT YEARS, WHILE TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (EXCEPT THE PRC) HAS DECREASED." PARA 10, SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES SHOULD READ "SINCE MARCH 1972 IT HAS ENTERED INTO SEVERAL STAND-BY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE IMF AND RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CASH LOANS FROM ARAB STATES. THE IBRD AND OTHER DONORS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE RAHAD PROJECT, ONE OF THE LARGE IRRIGATED FARMING SCHEMES WHICH PROMISE TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY SUDAN'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS." NEW PARA 11, LINE 1, ADD WORDS "TRADERS AND" BETWEEN "FOREIGN" AND "INVESTORS," AND LINE 4-6, AFTER "TECHNOLOGY" CHANGE TO READ "SHOULD HELP SUDAN REALIZE ITS AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL AND EXPAND RELATED INDUSTRY."

8. US-SUDAN RELATIONS - DO NOT RPT NOT USE YOUR NEW PARA 3 OR ANY OF OLD PARA 4. START NEW PARA 3 WITH YOUR PARA "FOLLOWING RESTORATION" ETC. LINE 6 OF THAT PARA, BETWEEN "\$11 UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLION" AND "SINCE" ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCES: "THE AMBASSADOR WAS RECALLED IN JUNE 1974 AFTER THE SUDANESE RELEASED TO DETENTION IN EGYPT THE CONVICTED MURDERERS OF AMBASSADOR NOEL AND DCM MOORE. HE RETURNED TO KHARTOUM IN NOVEMBER 1974, BUT COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS REMAINS CIRCUMSCRIBED."

9. PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - BIHEIRY IS "MINISTER OF

FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY." REMOVE WORDS "MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS" AND ADD, AFTER BADR AL-DIN SULEIMAN,
"MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS - JAMAL MOHAMED
AHMED." CHANGE DR. BAHA AL-DIN'S TITLE TO "MINISTER OF
STATE FOR SPECIAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY."
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